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~~Tito is combining strong diplomatic moves and military gestures to disrupt Anglo-American plan for Trieste:~~

*Tito attempts to disrupt Anglo-American plan for Trieste.*

- His diplomatic moves include a call for a four-power conference (US-UK-Italy-Yugoslavia) and a note to the United Nations informing it that Trieste situation is threat to the peace.
- His military gestures include:

1. despatch of yet undetermined number of

troops to Zone B to reinforce approxi-

mately 4000-man Yugoslav garrison there;

2. cancellation of all military leaves;

3. warning that Yugoslav troops will enter

Zone A "the moment" Italian troops enter.

- *It is not believed that Tito will risk a clash with US forces in Zone A*
- His most recent diplomatic moves suggest that

the military measures are intended to halt

implementation of US-UK withdrawal from Zone

A and bolster his internal and international

position:

1. he ~~has~~ *expects thus to delay* probably succeeded in delaying

implementation of US-UK plan;

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2. he has strengthened his position at

home where nationalism is strong.

Italian government  
reaction favorable:

~~It is believed that Tito will not enter a deal with US UK~~  
~~from the point of view of A~~  
- Italian government has announced that de-

cision is another important step to advance

problem towards "just and definitive solution:"

1. it has publicly stated that decision

does not prejudice rights of Italy to

entire territory;

2. Premier Pella has promised US-UK

ambassadors to do what he can to main-

tain atmosphere of calm.

- With the exception of the Social Communist

and monarchist press, public has responded

favorably.